**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-12, and 37-43.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

13. **(currently amended)** A communication network adhering to a session initiation protocol (SIP) for establishing telephonic communication between devices, the network comprising:

a SIP-unobservant device;

a SIP-observant device; ~~and~~

a switching device connected to said SIP-unobservant device, said switching device including an emulation client operative between the SIP-unobservant device and the SIP-observant device, said emulation client characterized in that a call establishment message transmitted by the SIP-unobservant device in a SIP-unobservant format is converted to a SIP-observant format by the emulation client and transmitted to the SIP-observant device.

14. **(currently amended)** The communication network of claim 13, wherein said switching device is a private branch exchange unit. ~~the call establishment message is selected from a group consisting of requests, responses, and confirmations.~~

15. **(currently amended)** The communication network of claim 13, wherein said emulation client further for converting a call establishment message transmitted from said SIP-observant device in a SIP-observant format to a SIP-unobservant format and transmitted to the SIP-unobservant device. ~~the SIP-unobservant format adheres to a private branch exchange signaling protocol~~.

16. **(original)** The communication network of claim 13 further comprising a location database for storing redirection information, the communication network further characterized in that the emulation client retrieves from the location database redirection information associated with the call establishment message and redirects the call establishment message based on the retrieved redirection information.

17. **(original)** The communication network of claim 15, wherein the redirection information is associated with a day and time indicative of when the call establishment message is to be redirected.

18. **(original)** The communication network of claim 13 further characterized in that the emulation client selects the SIP-unobservant format from a plurality of available formats.

19. **(currently amended)** A communication network ~~adhering to a session initiation protocol (SIP)~~ for establishing telephonic communication between devices, the network comprising:

a SIP-unobservant device;

a SIP-observant device; and

a switching device connected to said SIP-unobservant device, said switching device including an emulation client operative between the SIP-unobservant device and the SIP-observant device, said emulation client characterized in that a call establishment message transmitted by the SIP-observant device in a SIP-observant format is converted to a SIP-unobservant format by the emulation client and transmitted to the SIP-unobservant device.

20. **(currently amended)** The communication network of claim 19, wherein said switching device is a private branch exchange unit.~~the call establishment message is selected from a group consisting of requests, responses, and confirmations.~~

21. **(currently amended)** The communication network of claim 19, wherein said emulation client further for converting a call establishment message transmitted from said SIP-observant device in a SIP-observant format to a SIP-unobservant format and transmitted to the SIP-unobservant device ~~the SIP-unobservant format adheres to a private branch exchange signaling protocol.~~

22. **(previously presented)** The communication network of claim 19 further comprising a redirection database for storing redirection information, the communication network further characterizcd in that the emulation client retrieves from the location database redirection information associated with the call establishment message and redirects the call establishment message based on the retrieved redirection information.

23. **(previously presented)** The communication network of claim 22, wherein the redirection information is associated with a day and time indicative of when the call establishment message is to be redirected.

24. **(previously presented)** The communication network of claim 19 further characterized in that the emulation client selects the SIP-unobservant format from a plurality of available formats.

25. **(currently amended)** An emulation client in a communication network adhering to a session initiation protocol (SIP) for establishing telephonic communication between a SIP-observant device and a SIP-unobservant device, characterized in that a call establishment message transmitted by the SIP-observant device in a SIP-observant format is converted to a SIP-unobservant format by the emulation client and transmitted to the SIP-unobservant device, said emulation client being in a switching device connected tos said SIP-unobservant device.

26. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 25, wherein the call establishment message is selected from a group consisting of requests, responses, and confirmations.

27. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 25, wherein the SIP-unobservant format adheres to a private branch exchange signaling protocol.

28. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 25, further characterized in that redirection information associated with the call establishment message is retrieved from a redirection database for redirecting the call establishment message.

29. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 28, wherein the redirection information is associated with a day and a time indicative of when the call establishment message is to be redirected.

30. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 25, further characterized in that the SIP-unobservant format from a plurality of available formats.

31. **(currently amended)** An emulation client in a communication network adhering to a session initiation protocol (SIP) for establishing telephonic communication between a SIP-observant device and a SIP-unobservant device, characterized in that a call establishment message transmitted by the SIP-unobservant device in a SIP-unobservant format is converted to a SIP-observant format by the emulation client and transmitted to the SIP-observant device, said emulation client being in a switching device connected tos said SIP-unobservant device..

32. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 31, wherein the call establishment message is selected from a group consisting of requests, responses, and confirmations.

33. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 31, wherein the SIP-unobservant format adheres to a private branch exchange signaling protocol.

34. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 31, further characterized in that redirection information associated with the call establishment message is retrieved from a redirection database for redirecting the call establishment.

35. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 34, wherein the redirection information is associated with a day and time indicative of when the call establishment message is to be redirected.

36. **(previously presented)** The emulation client of claim 31, further characterized in that the SIP-unobservant format is selected from a plurality of available formats.

Claims 37-43 canceled.